

Appln. No 09/887,685  
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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

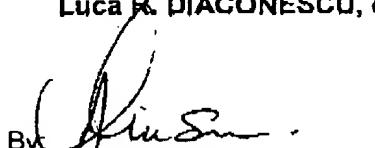
Prosecution on the merits has been closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*.

The Examiner objected to claims 1 and 5 for informalities leading to a lack of clarity. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 5 substantially as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant has also taken this opportunity to amend claim 4 to positively recite that the method comprises steps.

It is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

We believe no fee is required. However, if a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 501593, in the name of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP.

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